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Mr. Paul V. Walsh
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Dear Paul:

As you know, the Department of Commerce requested the services of a senior official from your agency for 120 days to do a study of our utilization of economic intelligence, including recommendations on operational and organizational arrangements. The recommendations, among other things, would help us decide whether an intelligence office should be established at Commerce.

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The letter from E.H. Knoche to Elliot L. Richardson, of 18 August 1976, stated that [REDACTED] was being detailed to my office effective 9 August for a period of 90 days, after which "an evaluation of the need for his services on a longer term basis will be made and new arrangements entered into, if applicable". Although Dave reported initially on 9 August, because of the arrangement with Treasury that he not leave there until his replacement had arrived, he did not actually begin full-time at Commerce until 17 September.

Dave will be completing his study in the near future. However, at the same time that he has been conducting the study, he also has begun rendering some very useful operational intelligence support to the Secretary and other senior officials at Commerce. In the meantime, since the elections, we have entered a period of transition at Commerce, and it is unlikely that any permanent decision on the establishment of an office or the longer range need for Dave's services will be made until the new team is established. During this period we think it important that Dave be able to continue to provide the kind of current intelligence support that he has recently been providing. We therefore would like to request that Dave's detail be extended another 90 days from mid-December, until 15 March 1977.

Sincerely,

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